

against inflation. The Act also provides for revision of minimum wages at an interval of 5 years. The Central Government has introduced a floor level minimum wage in the absence of a uniform national minimum wages, which has been recently increased to Rs. 45/- per day in November, 1999. All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been asked to ensure that the minimum wages in scheduled employments are not less than the floor level wages.

Bonus Bonanza

3355. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, "Bonus bonanza on the cards" published in the Hindustan Times, dated 29th July, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) the financial impact of the proposal to revise the upper wage ceiling of the eligibility and the Indian Corporate Wage Bill; and

(d) to what extent is bonus bonanza justified in the existing given financial scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is seized of the demand made by the central Trade Union Organisations for removal of the eligibility limit and calculation ceiling for the purpose of payment of bonus.

Bonus to workers of Organised Sector

3356. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large proportion of the organised sector workers have been denied their entitlement to payment of Bonus even while scores of public employees including Government employees are getting payment of bonus in some form or the other; and

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(b) what is the remedial action contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Due to increase in wages, some employees may have become ineligible to get the bonus. However, no information regarding their number is centrally maintained because the coverage under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is very vast and the Act is mainly administered by the State Governments. The Government is seized of the demand made by the Central Trade Union Organizations for removal of the eligibility limit and calculation ceiling for the purpose of payment of bonus.

Vacant Posts of Presiding Officers in Central Industrial Tribunals

3357. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 823 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the vacant posts of Presiding Officers and staff in various CGIT-cum-labour courts have since been filled up;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The vacancy position of the Presiding Officers and the staff-members in the Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts as furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 823 given on 2.3.2000 has since changed with the appointment of incumbents to the vacant posts of Presiding Officers and the cropping up of one vacancy of Presiding Officer in CGIT-cum-Labour Court No. 2, Mumbai. The latest position is as follows:—

Statement showing the vacancy position of Presiding Officers and staff in CGIT-cum-Labour Courts